

Critical Aquifer Recharge Areas (CARA)

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If you plan to conduct certain activities which would have an impact on groundwater in Clark County, Washington, you may need a permit to comply with the "CARA" Ordinance that took effect August 1, 1997.

The CARA Ordinance is designed to protect our drinking water supply. Groundwater provides 95% of our drinking water.

The ordinance **does not** apply to:

- Existing legal activities established prior to August 1, 1997;
- Activities already permitted by the State of Washington and/or Southwest Washington Health District to incorporate Best Management Practices (BMP); and,
- Residential uses, unless residential property is being used for other activities that may affect the drinking water supply.

The ordinance applies to activities in designated Critical Aquifer Recharge Areas that include most of Clark County west of the Cascade foothills. These areas are divided into two categories depending on how close they are to public drinking water. Certain activities are prohibited in Category I areas because they are close to public wells. Examples of prohibited activities include landfills and surface mines. No activities are prohibited in Category II areas. In both areas certain activities are required to implement Best Management Practices (BMP) to minimize effects of the activity on ground water. The Ordinance applies to the following activities in both categories:

- (a) Above and below ground storage tanks (tanks and pipes used to contain an accumulation of regulated substances (see Section 13.70.600)
- (b) Facilities that conduct biological research
- (c) Boat repair shops
- (d) Chemical research facilities
- (e) Dry cleaners
- (f) Gasoline service stations
- (g) Pipelines
- (h) Printing and publishing shops (that use printing liquids)

- (l) Below-ground transformers and capacitors
- (j) Sawmills (producing over 10,000 board feet per day)
- (k) Solid-waste handling and processing
- (l) Vehicle repair, recycling, and auto wrecking
- (m) Funeral services
- (n) Furniture stripping
- (o) Motor vehicle service garages (both private and government
- (p) Photographic processing
- (q) Chemical manufactures and reprocessing
- (r) Creosote and asphalt manufacturer and treatment
- (s) Electroplating activities
- (t) Petroleum and petroleum products refining, including reprocessing
- (u) Wood products preserving
- (v) Golf course
- (w) Regulated waste treatment, storage, disposal facilities that handle hazardous material
- (y) Medium quantity generators (dangerous, acutely hazardous, and toxic extremely hazardous waste
- (z) Large quantity generators (dangerous, acutely hazardous, and toxic extremely hazardous waste

Critical Aquifer Recharge Area permits are reviewed and issued with the primary development permit required by Clark County. The fees for a Category I review are:

Type I, II and III Site Plan review \$1,175

There is no review fee for Category II areas.

The Department of Community Development can tell you if the ordinance applies to a specific property or location.

Note: This handout is not a substitute for county code. For more detailed information, please refer to Clark County Code (CCC) 13.70 Critical Aquifer Recharge Areas.

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DEVELOPMENT REVIEW APPLICATION FORM

(Form DS1400-Revised 2/19/02)



PROJECT NAME:		
TYPE(S) OF APPLICATION (See Reverse Side):		
DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:		
APPLICANT NAME:		Address:
E-mail Address:		Phone and Fax:
PROPERTY OWNER NAME (list multiple owners on a separate sheet):		Address:
E-mail Address:		Phone and Fax:
CONTACT PERSON NAME (list if not same as APPLICANT):		Address:
E-mail Address:		Phone and Fax:
PROJECT SITE INFORMATION: Site Address:		Comp Plan Designation:
Cross Street:	Zoning:	Serial #'s of Parcels:
Overlay Zones:	Legal:	Acreage of Original Parcels:
Township:	Range:	¼ of Section:

AUTHORIZATION

The undersigned hereby certifies that this application has been made with the consent of the lawful property owner(s) and that all information submitted with this application is complete and correct. False statements, errors, and/or omissions may be sufficient cause for denial of the request. This application gives consent to the County to enter the properties listed above.

Authorized Signature

Date

Assigned at Customer Service Center	CASE NUMBER:	
	WORK ORDER NUMBER:	

APPLICATION TYPES

If you have any questions regarding the type of application being requested, our Customer Service Center will be happy to assist you.

- ☐ Annual Review
- ☐ Appeal
- ☐ Boundary Line Adjustment and Lot Reconfiguration
- ☐ Conditional Use

Environmental/Critical Areas:

- ☐ Archaeological
- ☐ Critical Aquifer Recharge Area (CARA)
- ☐ Columbia River Gorge
- ☐ Forestry + (Moratorium Waiver, Moratorium Removal, Class I, Class IVG or COHP)
- ☐ Floodplain
- ☐ Geological
- ☐ Habitat
- ☐ Historic
- ☐ SEPA
- ☐ Shoreline
- ☐ Wetland

Land Division:

- ☐ Binding Site Plan
- ☐ Final Plat
- ☐ Plat Alteration
- ☐ Short Plat
- ☐ Subdivision

Miscellaneous:

- ☐ Addressing
- ☐ Accessory Dwelling
- ☐ Covenant Release
- ☐ Garden Shed Setback Waiver
- ☐ Home Occupation
- ☐ Legal Lot Determination & Innocent Purchasers Determination
- ☐ Non-Conforming Use Determination
- ☐ Reconstruct Letter
- ☐ Sewer Waiver
- ☐ Shooting Range
- ☐ Sign

Planning Director Review:

- ☐ Post Decision
- ☐ Pre-Application Conference
- ☐ Pre-Application Waiver
- ☐ Public Interest Exception
- ☐ Similar Use
- ☐ Temporary Use
- ☐ Other

- ☐ Planned Unit Develop/Master Plan
- ☐ Road Modification
- ☐ Site Plan
- ☐ Variance
- ☐ Zone Change